

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division**

**RECOVERY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
Plaintiff,**

v.

Civil Action No.: 2:87-cv-00363

**UNIDENTIFIED, WRECKED AND ABANDONED
SAILING VESSEL, etc.,
Defendant.**

STATUS REPORT TO COURT

Recovery Limited Partnership (the “Plaintiff” or “RLP”), by counsel, respectfully submits this Report to the Court as salvor-in-possession of the wreck of the SS CENTRAL AMERICA (“SSCA”). Plaintiff has previously submitted twenty-five reports, two in Civil Action No. 2:14-cv-160, and twenty-three in Civil Action No. 2:87-cv-363. *See* D.E. # 21 and 90 (No. 2:14-cv-160); D.E. # 104, 130, 163, 175, 176, 177, 195, 202, 209, 233, 256, 264, 267, 273, 278, 280, 281, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, and 294 (No. 2:87-cv-363).

As reported in November 2022 (D.E. #294), the Trustee was working with salvage advisor Craig Mullen on planning for the next salvage operation, which was targeted for June or July of 2023. The Trustee received a proposal from a competent firm for 2023 salvage operations. Subsequently, the salvor notified Mr. Mullen and the Trustee that the vessel identified for the operation was no longer available during the planned salvage window. Given that development, the Trustee is now making plans for salvage operations in 2024.

For confidentiality reasons, the Trustee has not included the salvage proposal as an exhibit to this report but is prepared to file the proposal with the Court under seal should the Court desire to review it.

In addition to planning for salvage operations in 2024, the Trustee recently entered into a contract to allow the use of video footage from prior expeditions for a three-part documentary created by the BBC Documentary Unit to be broadcast on the National Geographic Channel.

The Trustee is aware that exclusive jurisdiction over the salvage of the wreck of the S.S. Central America lies with this Court. He understands his obligation to notify this Court regarding any future salvage and will seek advance approval before any such salvage is performed in accordance with the Order entered January 11, 2019. D.E. # 276.

The Trustee and counsel are available to address any questions that the Court may have regarding this report.

This 26th day of April, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 26th day of April, 2023, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing to all registered filers.

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